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## TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1964, prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/65.

### **Infectious Diseases**

During the year 316 cases of infectious disease were notified. Measles accounted for 275 of the cases, and of this figure 188 were recorded in Crowborough Parish.

The number of new cases of tuberculosis continues at a low level, twelve being notified (ten respiratory and two non-respiratory), and with a sharp fall during the year of the number of names on the Tuberculosis Register, the present figure is the lowest for twenty years.

For the nineteenth year in succession no case of diphtheria was notified, and the last notification of poliomyelitis was in 1956.

### **Food Premises**

These premises are generally maintained in a satisfactory manner. It is noted that grocers shops continue a gradual change-over to the self-service method of trading, with a consequent increase in the amount of pre-packed food sold. There have also been advances in the refrigerated display of food, but it is found that the important aspects of stock rotation, proper maintenance and loading of the cabinet do not always receive due consideration, by the shopkeepers.

### **Corned Beef**

At the time of the typhoid outbreak in Aberdeen, a considerable amount of work was carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in tracing suspected tins of corned beef. These were returned to the distributors through trade channels.

### **Lead in Cider**

Information was received from another authority concerning samples of apple juice which had been analysed for lead content and found to contain amounts in excess of the permitted quantity. It appeared that the juice had been extracted in a cider press situated in this district and that the owner of the press had for a number of years provided a service to home producers of cider who would take their own apples to him for treatment.

The apparatus was inspected and found to have a lead-lined tray into which the apples were pressed and over which the juice would run. The lead lining had become badly pitted during many years use. It was found that the owner of the cider press had eight barrels of apple juice and cider for his own use, varying in age from the current year's product to three years old.

A sample was taken from each barrel, and the result of analysis showed that in each instance lead was present in excess of the amount permitted by the Lead in Food Regulations 1961 (i.e. .5 parts per million), and the actual quantities found varied between 6 and 28 parts per million. Six other people who had used the press were told of the risk of consuming contaminated cider and were advised to destroy it; the address of another person who resides outside the district was passed on to the authority concerned for similar action.

## Milk Supplies—*Brucella Abortus*

During the year thirty-seven samples of raw milk were submitted for biological examination and one was found to be positive for *brucella abortus*. The producer concerned was required to divert the milk for heat treatment before use for human consumption.

Samples were taken individually from thirty-three cows and the results of these found three cows to be excretors of *brucella abortus*. These animals were removed from the milking herd for slaughter.

## Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956

Thirteen farm premises were inspected during the course of the year and all were found to comply with the requirements of the Act.

## Housing Improvement Grants

### (a) *Discretionary Grants*

The conversion of six units into eight dwellings at The Countess of Thanet's Almshouses, Holtye, was completed during the year at a cost of £1,339 to the Council. Since September 1957, when the Council decided to discontinue the payment of Discretionary Grants, except for the improvement of almshouses in the District, a number of applications have been received, which has resulted in the complete renovation of thirty-one dwellings at a cost of £9,995 14s. 2d. to the Council.

### (b) *Standard Grants*

During the year 127 applications were received and dealt with as under :—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	83
		Tenanted	... ..	44
				—
		Total	... ..	127
				==
No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	6
		Tenanted	... ..	10
				—
		Total	... ..	16
				==
Sum total of Grants approved			£16,585 18s. 5d.	
Number paid	...	...	...	116
Number repaid	...	...	...	11
Net amount paid	...	...	£14,344 0s. 3d.	

Since the inception of this scheme 681 applications have been approved as follows :—

No approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	396
		Tenanted	...	285
				—
		Total	...	681
				==
No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	24
		Tenanted	...	30
				—
		Total	...	54
				==
Sum total of Grants approved			£87,045 18s. 5d.	
Number paid	...	...	...	476
Number repaid	...	...	...	33
Net amount paid	...	...	...	£61,318



**Slum Clearance Programme**

The following table shows the state of the programme commenced in January 1956. Further progress is dependent on accommodation available for re-housing.

(a)	Number of houses in programme...	...	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts...	...	...	235
				(50 vacant)
	Number closed	...	...	56
	Number demolished	...	...	30
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined...			109
(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	145
	Number rehoused by Council	...	...	96
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	40
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	11

**Council Housing**

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. S. Jeudwine, A.I.H.M.

**Applications for Housing**

The total number of applications on the waiting list decreased from 1,038 in January to 1,002 in December 1964.

**New Accommodation**

A block of flats for single and elderly people was completed at Uckfield.

This block consists of 29 bed-sitting rooms with kitchenettes for single people, 6 one-bedroomed flats for couples and a flat for a Resident Warden. A communal sitting-room, a laundry room and a guest room are provided and the block has full central heating.

The Warden is responsible for administering the block and looking after the communal parts of the building, but the tenants are otherwise completely independent.

**Vacancies**

The total number of vacancies in existing Council accommodation during the year was 56, ten of which were obtained by moving tenants from existing properties to smaller accommodation at the block of flats at Uckfield.

**Rehousing**

Applicants were rehoused during the year as follows :—

Occupants of unfit houses	...	...	...	3
Other applicants on the waiting list	...	...	...	78

I am, Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,  
*Medical Officer of Health.*

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**TABLE 1**  
**VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS**

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	112,096	acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	46,000	
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.41	
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/65)	...	...	...	...	...	14,882	
Rateable Value (at 1/4/65)	...	...	...	...	...	£1,483,655	
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 1/4/65)	...	...	...	...	...	£6,141	
<b>Births and Deaths.</b>							
Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	14.67	} Per 1,000 Population	
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	17.90		
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	18.40		
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	12.69		
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	9.52		
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.30		
<b>Mothers and Infants</b>							
<b>Live Births</b>					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number	...	...	...	...	347	328	675
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...			14.67
<b>Illegitimate Live Births</b>							
(per cent. of total live births)							6.22
<b>Still Births</b>							
Number	...	...	...	...	5	4	9
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	...	...	...			13.16
<b>Total Live and Still Births</b>					352	332	684
<b>Infant Deaths</b> (deaths under one year)					6	5	11
<b>Infant Mortality Rates</b>							
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births					...	...	16.30
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births						...	14.21
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births						...	47.62
<b>Neo-natal Mortality Rate</b>							
(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)					...	...	10.37
<b>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate</b>							
(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)					...	...	7.41
<b>Perinatal Mortality Rate</b>							
(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)					...	...	20.47
<b>Maternal Mortality (including abortion)</b>							
Number of deaths					...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births					...	...	Nil
<b>Causes of Death.</b>					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)					2	1	3
Tuberculosis (other)					—	—	—
Syphilitic disease					2	—	2
Diphtheria					—	—	—
Whooping Cough					—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection					—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis					—	—	—
Measles					—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases					1	—	1



**TABLE I** (*continued*)

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	23	2	25
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	11	11
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	4	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	32	39	71
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	4	4
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	30	55	85
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	63	42	105
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	10	12	22
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	24	47	71
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	10	21	31
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	13	17	30
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	11	7	18
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	19	36	55
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	266	318	584



TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1949-1964

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births							Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate					M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total											
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48	
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36	
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6	
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—	
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23	
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—	
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—	
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—	
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43	
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—	
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2	
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10	
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	32.64	—	
1962	44,770	334	289	623	14	12	26	14.49	303	331	634	14.16	6	2	8	12.33	15	
1963	45,540	322	284	606	30	14	44	14.27	303	340	643	14.12	7	6	13	20.00	7	
1964	46,000	326	307	633	21	21	42	14.67	266	318	584	12.69	6	5	11	16.30	91	

POPULATION FIGURES, 1955-1964. Estimated

TABLE III

PARISH	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
BUXTED	2,454	2,461	2,449	2,444	2,479	2,384	2,377	2,442	2,457	2,559
CROWBOROUGH	7,638	7,562	7,324	7,322	7,396	8,109	8,396	8,702	8,919	9,092
DANEHILL	1,262	1,261	1,237	1,239	1,236	1,282	1,304	1,335	1,343	1,411
FLETCHING	1,011	993	1,003	995	983	947	923	930	947	924
FOREST ROW	3,384	3,327	3,360	3,407	3,554	3,519	3,481	3,544	3,588	3,558
FRAMFIELD	1,913	1,882	1,848	1,860	1,858	1,817	1,761	1,787	1,798	1,782
FRANT	1,497	1,519	1,538	1,547	1,518	1,464	1,455	1,468	1,468	1,435
HADLOW DOWN	843	860	832	822	810	836	812	839	833	837
HARTFIELD	2,060	2,044	2,038	2,024	2,034	1,992	2,023	2,013	2,043	2,092
ISFIELD	560	525	513	505	488	490	492	475	479	432
LITTLE HORSTED	213	213	202	195	195	203	197	196	197	203
MARESFIELD	2,982	2,990	3,015	2,990	3,072	3,251	3,213	3,243	3,266	3,283
MAYFIELD	3,606	3,525	3,509	3,489	3,505	3,390	3,316	3,377	3,478	3,488
ROTHERFIELD	2,933	2,847	2,851	2,824	2,800	2,771	2,758	2,789	2,822	2,825
UCKFIELD	4,341	4,286	4,410	4,398	4,457	4,327	4,376	4,475	4,585	4,620
WADHURST	4,180	4,136	4,141	4,102	4,132	3,950	3,929	3,955	4,016	4,109
WITHYHAM	3,123	3,069	3,110	3,137	3,153	3,048	3,137	3,200	3,301	3,350
† TOTALS	44,000	43,500	43,380	43,300	43,670	43,780	43,950	44,770	45,540	46,000

† Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.

Population of each parish calculated as follows :—

1955-1959    Registrar General's estimate of population for the District     $\times$     Number of occupied dwellings in each parish.

1960-1964     $\frac{\text{Number of occupied dwellings in the District}}{\text{Registrar General's estimate of population for the District}} \times \frac{\text{Number of persons on Register of Electors in each parish}}{\text{Number of persons on Register of Electors}}$

1964

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

TABLE IV

Disease		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER	...	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	2	1	—	6	—
WHOOPING COUGH	...	3	1	3	4	5	8	—	—	—	—	24	—
MEASLES	...	5	17	38	30	32	133	10	7	3	—	275	—
DYSENTERY	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
		Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA	...	—	1	—	—	4	—					5	3
ERYSIPELAS	...	—	—	—	1	—	—					1	1
PUERPERAL PYREXIA	...	ALL AGES										4	1



TABLE V

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1964

PARISH	DISEASE							TOTAL
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	
BUXTED ... ..	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	5
CROWBOROUGH ... ..	2	12	188	—	4	—	3	209
DANEHILL ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
FLETCHING ... ..	1	—	4	—	—	—	—	5
FOREST ROW ... ..	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
FRAMFIELD ... ..	—	—	4	—	—	—	1	5
FRANT ... ..	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3
HADLOW DOWN ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
HARTFIELD ... ..	—	8	7	1	—	—	—	16
ISFIELD ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
LITTLE HORSTED ... ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
MARESFIELD ... ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
MAYFIELD ... ..	—	2	3	—	1	—	—	6
ROTHERFIELD ... ..	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
UCKFIELD ... ..	—	1	11	—	—	—	—	12
WADHURST ... ..	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	18
WITHYHAM ... ..	1	—	25	—	—	1	—	27
TOTALS ... ..	6	24	275	1	5	1	4	316



TABLE VI

## TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1964

AGE GROUPS.				NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
				Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 —14	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 —24	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 —34	...	...	...	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
35 —44	...	...	...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
45 —54	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —64	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	5	5	1	1	2	1	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1947-1964

TABLE VII

YEAR.	NEW CASES						DEATHS			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total. (All Types).		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M & F		M	F	M	F
1947	10	10	5	5	30		7	7	3	1
1948	19	8	2	5	34		9	5	—	—
1949	21	15	4	6	46		3	4	—	—
1950	20	19	6	9	54		2	—	1	—
1951	22	19	3	6	50		4	4	1	—
1952	25	21	5	4	55		5	3	2	—
1953	27	17	—	2	46		2	1	—	1
1954	27	18	2	3	50		2	—	—	—
1955	5	8	1	3	17		2	2	—	—
1956	4	6	4	2	16		—	3	1	—
1957	10	5	3	2	20		—	—	—	—
1958	13	4	1	—	18		1	—	—	—
1959	8	3	1	1	13		4	—	—	—
1960	11	3	3	3	20		1	1	—	—
1961	6	5	1	—	12		2	—	—	—
1962	12	2	3	—	17		2	1	—	—
1963	6	2	2	—	10		2	1	—	—
1964	5	5	1	1	12		2	1	—	—

TABLE VIII

MASS RADIOGRAPHY  
ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEY, 1964

	Uckfield Parish			Uckfield County Secondary School			Buxted Poultry Packers Ltd.		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
No. of persons X-rayed...	173	233	406	97	99	196	115	98	213
Analysis of abnormal large films :—									
(a) Tuberculosis requiring treatment or close clinic supervision	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
(b) Carcinoma of Bronchus	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Non-Malignant Neoplasm	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Congenital Cardio-Vascular Disease	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) Acquired Cardio-Vascular Disease	2	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
(f) Other abnormalities	2	1	3	1	—	1	1	—	1

**TABLE IX**  
**VACCINATION**

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	13	1
1 year ... ..	214	3
2-4 years ...	56	8
5-14 years ...	18	135
15 years and over	12	251
Totals ...	313	398

### International Certificate of Vaccination

Seven hundred and ninety-one certificates requiring the signature of the doctor authenticated were dealt with during the year.



**TABLE X**  
**AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE**  
**Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in**  
**the Uckfield Rural District**

<i>Name of Centre</i>					<i>When held</i>
<b>BUXTED</b>					
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
<b>CROWBOROUGH</b>					
St. Richard's Church Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
Wesleyan Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
<b>CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S</b>					
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	3rd Thursday in each month.
<b>CHELWOOD GATE AND DANEHILL</b>					
Chelwood Gate Institute Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday in each month.
<b>FAIRWARP</b>					
Village Hall, Fairwarp (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	1st Wednesday in each month.
<b>FOREST ROW</b>					
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	1st Thursday in each month. (Dr. J. Raymond.)
<b>FRAMFIELD</b>					
Church Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	2nd Thursday in each month.
<b>FRANT</b>					
Village Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month.
<b>GROOMBRIDGE</b>					
The Hut, Station Road (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	4th Tuesday in each month.
<b>HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM</b>					
King's Hall, Withyham (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month.
<b>MARESFIELD</b>					
Village Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	2nd Wednesday in each month.
<b>MAYFIELD</b>					
Village Hall	...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month. (Dr. H. Walters.)
<b>NUTLEY</b>					
Mission Hall, Fords Green (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
<b>ROTHERFIELD</b>					
Village Hall (Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month.
<b>UCKFIELD</b>					
County Clinic	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. (Dr. J. Felce.)
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class	...	...	...	...	Each Monday and 4th Thursday. (Dr. Harrison.)
<b>WADHURST</b>					
Commemoration Hall, High Street	...	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh.)
<b>Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics</b>					
<b>UCKFIELD</b>					
County Clinic	...	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday in each month at 2.15 p.m.
<b>WADHURST</b>					
Belmont Surgery	...	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month from 2.15– 2.45 p.m.
<b>Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinics</b>					
<b>CROWBOROUGH</b>					
Red Cross Hall	...	...	...	...	2nd Monday in each month from 2– 2.30 p.m.

TABLE X (continued)

**Laboratory Facilities.**

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the Southdown Bus Depôt, Pool Valley, Brighton, by 5.15 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, or to the Public Health Laboratory by 6 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

**Ambulance Services.**

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society. The stations and ambulances are now linked by radio control, which ensures a quicker and more efficient service in accident or emergency cases.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough  Mayfield Rotherfield  Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 882	2
Forest Row  Hartfield	East Grinstead Motors, 219B, London Road, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant  Wadhurst	86a, Speldhurst Rd., Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 23222/3	19
Buxted (South Part)  Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1



## TABLE XI

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts ...	1,470
„ „ „ „ „ „ Rent Act, 1957 ... ..	1
„ „ „ „ „ „ Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 ... ..	45
„ „ „ „ „ „ Noise Abatement Act, 1960 ...	1
„ „ „ „ „ „ Pet Animals Act, 1951 ... ..	1
„ „ „ „ „ „ Clean Air Act ... ..	1
„ „ „ „ „ „ Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare) Act ... ..	21
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	450
Visits to factories (with power 56, without power 5) ... ..	61
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops ... ..	71
Visits to bakehouses ... ..	10
„ „ butchers' shops ... ..	48
„ „ knackers' yards ... ..	3
„ „ fish frying premises ... ..	3
„ „ food premises ... ..	461
„ „ ice-cream premises ... ..	4
„ „ licensed premises ... ..	83
„ „ shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950) ... ..	9
„ „ hop-pickers' lodgings ... ..	—
Visits in connection with caravans ... ..	18
„ „ „ „ infectious diseases ... ..	40
„ „ „ „ water supplies ... ..	100
„ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction ... ..	3,280
„ „ „ „ waste foods order ... ..	1
„ „ „ „ schools ... ..	22
Miscellaneous visits ... ..	147
Interviews ... ..	61
No. of drain tests carried out ... ..	554
„ „ water samples taken ... ..	30
„ „ milk samples taken ... ..	37
„ „ premises disinfected and disinfested ... ..	57
„ „ preliminary notices served ... ..	173
„ „ „ „ complied with ... ..	154
„ „ statutory notices served ... ..	—
„ „ „ „ complied with ... ..	2

TABLE XII

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

						<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received ...	...	...	...	...	...	284	78
No. of premises infested ...	...	...	...	...	...	231	71
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry						96	—
No. of premises treated by the occupier ...	...	...	...	...	...	112	—
No. of dwellings disinfested :							
(a) Dwellinghouses ...	...	...	...	...	...	139	57
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips) ...	...	...	...	...	...	27	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...						3	3
(d) Food premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
(e) Agricultural premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	19	8
(f) Schools ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...	...	3,277	



**TABLE XIII**  
**FACTORIES ACT, 1961**

Sixty-one visits were made to factories during the year ; of these fifty-six were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

*Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.*

PREMISES	NO. ON REGISTER	INSPEC- TIONS	NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	24	5	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	155	56	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	179	61	1	—

*Cases in which defects were found*

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR	By H.M. INSPECTOR	
Want of cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient ... ..	1	2	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	1	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ... ..	1	3	—	1	—

*Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)*

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing apparel : Making, etc.	3	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE XIV

WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company ... ..	16	16	—
Springs and Wells ... ..	14	14	—
TOTALS ... ..	30	30	—

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

- Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.
- East Surrey Water Company.
- Mid-Sussex Water Company.

Specimen results of chemical analyses are shown overleaf.

Sources of supply and specimen results of chemical analyses are shown in the following table :—

	SOURCE OF SUPPLY		
	<i>Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells — Tangiers Supply, Frant</i>	<i>East Surrey Water Co.— Westwood Pumping Station</i>	<i>Mid-Sussex Water Co.— Coggins Mill Pumping Station</i>
		<i>Parts per million</i>	
Free and Saline Ammonia ...	0.05	—	—
Albuminoid Ammonia ...	0.09	—	—
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate at 80°F. in 4 hrs.	0.03	—	0.02
Nitrate Nitrogen ...	4.00	9.00	1.50
Nitrite Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	Nil
Chlorine (in Chlorides) ...	25.00	16	23
Equivalent to Sodium Chloride ...	41.30	—	—
Total Solid Matter (dried at 180°C.) ...	210.00	250	230
Temporary Hardness ...	57.50	115	71
Permanent Hardness ...	None	68	Nil
Total Hardness ...	57.50	183	71
Sodium Carbonate ...	29.20	—	51
Free Carbon Dioxide ...	2.20	3	—
Free Chlorine ...	0.30	0.07	0.30
Reaction (pH) ...	7.10	7.90	8.60
Metals : Lead ...	None	Nil	Nil
Copper ...	None	Nil	Nil
Zinc ...	None	Nil	—
Iron ...	0.11	Nil	0.02
Appearance ...	Blue-green and clear	Bright almost clear, with a few minute sand particles	Bright and clear
Colour ...	—	Nil	Less than 10 Hazen
Taste ...	—	Nil	—
Electric Conductivity at 20°C.	—	370	—
Ammoniacal Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.01
Albuminoid Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.01
Turbidity ...	—	Nil	—
Odour ...	—	Nil	None
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate ...	—	115	—
Permanganate Value (3 hrs. at 37°C.) ...	—	Nil	—



TABLE XV

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1964

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted	33	790	2,370
	Crowborough	223	3,262	9,786
	Danehill	21	464	1,392
	Fletching	2	233	699
	Forest Row	21	1,042	3,126
	Framfield	7	589	1,767
	Frant	1	368	1,104
	Hadlow Down	6	261	783
	Hartfield	18	623	1,869
	Isfield	4	196	588
	Little Horsted	—	15	45
	Maresfield	27	980	2,940
	Mayfield	24	1,128	3,384
	Rotherfield	15	964	2,892
	Uckfield	46	1,560	4,680
	Wadhurst	18	1,352	4,056
	Withyham	34	1,107	3,321
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells	Frant	5	*	—

\*Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.



TABLE XVI

**Sewerage and Sewage Purification**

Capital expenditure during the past ten years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table :—

<i>Year ended 31st March</i>	<i>Total Expenditure £</i>
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
1962	60,014
1963	80,013
1964	136,318
	<hr/> <hr/> £596,258

In December 1958 the Council formulated a five year programme of necessary works, giving precedence to those where public health need is greatest. Following are details of the programme, showing progress to date.

<b>Works completed up to December 1964</b>		<i>Capital Cost £</i>
REDGATE MILL	Extension and modernisation of existing Disposal Works, serving Crowborough and Rotherfield ... ..	184,417
FRANT	Sewerage of the districts of Pococks Hill, Down Lane and Frant Village, and construction of Disposal Works ...	40,468
WADHURST (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works ... ..	36,220
HARTFIELD AND UPPER HARTFIELD	Sewers and enlargement of existing works serving Forest Row ... ..	44,834
MARESFIELD (Village)	Sewers and improvements to existing Disposal Works ...	14,228
RINGLES CROSS	Sewers and Pumping Station ... ..	18,787
GROOMBRIDGE	Pumping Station and Rising Main... ..	12,980
NUTLEY (Village)	Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works ... ..	60,000
UCKFIELD (Ridgewood)	New sewer ... ..	12,000
FOREST ROW	Enlargement of Pumping Station, New Trunk Sewer and Rising Main ... ..	23,000
BLACKBOYS	Sewers and Disposal Works ... ..	51,000
<b>Works in progress at December 1964</b>		
UCKFIELD AND FIVE ASH DOWN	Sewers and new Disposal Works (98% complete) ...	175,000
CROWBOROUGH (Village)	New Trunk Sewers ... ..	58,000
<b>Schemes in course of preparation</b>		
BUXTED	New Sewer ... ..	3,000
BLACKHAM (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works... ..	14,500
DANEHILL	Sewers and Disposal Works... ..	—
FRAMFIELD	New Disposal Works, Pumping Main, etc. ... ..	36,500
ISFIELD	Sewers and Rising Main ... ..	61,350
UCKFIELD	New Trunk Sewer ... ..	22,000
UCKFIELD (West side)	Sewer ... ..	3,000
FLETCHING } FAIRWARP }	Additional filters and ancillary works ... ..	7,000
<b>Schemes yet to be prepared</b>		
WADHURST (Rock Robin)	Pumping Station.	
MAYFIELD (Meres)	Modernisation of existing Works.	
MAYFIELD (Crouch)	Modernisation of existing Works.	

**TABLE XVII**

**FOOD PREMISES**

*The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district*

Bakehouses	...	...	...	8
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	35
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	39
Greengrocers	...	...	...	31
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	140
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	104
Restaurants	...	...	...	66
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	9
Registered Dairy Premises	...	...	...	33

<i>Improvements at Food Premises during 1964</i>								
Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Display counters improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9

**Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.**

*The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.*

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	36
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	7
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	233

# TABLE XVIII

## FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

70 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of canned meat	...	...	...	decomposed
58 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of canned meat and vegetables	...	...	...	decomposed
98 lbs. of fish	...	...	...	decomposed
157 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. of frozen food	...	...	...	... defrozen
301 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of beef	...	...	...	decomposed (taint)
36 lbs. of beef and pork sausages...	...	...	...	decomposed
20 lbs. of imported lamb livers	...	...	...	decomposed
4 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of bacon	...	...	...	decomposed

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.



# TABLE XIX

## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ... ..	306
(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	1,470
2.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
3.	Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	169

## Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers ... ..	143
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## Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
(i)	By owners ... ..	1
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1964) ... ..	1
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	—
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	—
(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	7
(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	10
(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners ... ..	5



TABLE XX

## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years :—

<i>Internal.</i>	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Damp floors remedied ...	117	100	101	104	94	74	73	108
Damp walls remedied ...	169	144	175	137	144	119	73	146
Floors relaid or repaired ...	210	151	157	176	167	154	110	146
Walls repaired or cleansed ...	558	336	337	263	349	322	288	422
Ceilings repaired or cleansed ...	407	252	193	266	296	316	274	377
Ceiling heights increased ...	71	46	55	46	26	26	27	20
Lighting improved ...	148	89	72	113	73	73	47	77
Ventilation improved ...	196	102	82	112	95	85	51	78
Windows repaired or renewed ...	250	180	118	184	146	138	69	113
Doors repaired or renewed ...	82	63	67	75	44	38	17	32
Woodwork repaired or renewed ...	60	49	15	31	29	29	10	19
Flues and fireplaces repaired ...	53	36	24	16	14	13	13	16
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	55	32	18	20	20	28	15	21
Washing coppers repaired or provided ...	3	—	1	1	—	2	2	2
Food stores repaired or provided	70	39	29	87	69	83	42	75
Staircases repaired ...	51	30	34	35	38	49	26	40
Sinks provided or renewed ...	73	61	45	59	79	82	63	100
Sink wastes trapped or provided	71	45	36	50	70	80	61	101
Baths and wash basins provided	91	59	44	113	104	121	96	139
Hot water systems provided ...	86	58	42	113	97	121	93	122
Artificial lighting provided ...	50	20	13	14	6	—	4	2
Fuel stores provided ...	51	21	4	5	2	—	1	2
<i>External.</i>								
Walls repaired ...	96	83	67	67	80	67	48	72
Roofs repaired ...	86	74	44	74	67	64	43	54
Chimney stacks repaired ...	79	52	37	47	61	47	32	47
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired ...	89	77	48	60	56	58	40	41
Paving provided or repaired ...	42	22	24	45	40	33	29	48
Dustbins provided or renewed ...	7	4	1	1	1	1	2	2
Accumulations removed ...	7	1	4	5	2	—	4	3
<i>Drainage.</i>								
New systems provided ...	64	32	30	35	86	35	34	56
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed ...	71	49	48	77	66	79	63	89
W.C.s provided ...	72	55	44	81	89	93	85	136
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	29	36	12	15	7	10	7	10
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s	4	2	1	5	4	1	—	1
E.C.s repaired or improved ...	7	6	—	—	—	—	—	1
<i>Water Supply.</i>								
Main supply provided ...	13	11	12	7	8	4	6	2
Wells repaired, improved or provided	2	—	1	5	1	3	—	1

**TABLE XXI**

**HOUSES BUILT DURING 1964**

During the year 270 houses were completed by private enterprise, and eight units provided by the conversion of other buildings. The Council completed a block of 36 flats at Uplands, Uckfield, during the year.

**Houses Built by Private Enterprise**

Inspections under the Building Bye-Laws have continued to be carried out by the Public Health Inspectors in respect of all building undertaken by private enterprise.

The following table shows how the number of visits has steadily increased since the Public Health Inspectors took over the inspections on 1st March, 1958.

			1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
FOUNDATIONS	...	...	292	484	615	596	596	623	898
SITE CONCRETE	...	...	161	236	283	376	340	394	566
DAMP PROOF COURSE	...	...	161	284	320	388	381	401	505
DRAINAGE	...	...	310	665	650	903	883	904	1,120
OTHER VISITS	...	...	1,060	2,177	2,197	2,753	2,746	2,756	3,159
TOTAL VISITS	...	...	1,984	3,846	4,065	5,016	4,946	5,078	6,248



